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Resolution honoring the members of the National Guard and Reserve
components of the Armed Forces.

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Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. UPTON, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. MEEKS of New York, and Mr. HOUGHTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Resolution honoring the members of the National Guard
and Reserve components of the Armed Forces.

Whereas the volunteer citizen-soldiers of the National Guard and the Reserves have been vital to the defense of the Nation for over 365 years;

Whereas National Guard and reserve military forces have responded to every major national security threat in the history of the United States, from the Revolutionary War and War of 1812, through World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and Operation Desert Storm;

Whereas the National Guard and Selected Reserve have over 800,000 dedicated members;

Whereas the National Guard and Reserves account for only a fraction of the defense budget, but allow the Nation to almost double the size of the Armed Forces, making them an essential part of a total force concept and vital to the national security of the United States;

Whereas since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the operational commitments of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, have increased significantly;

Whereas the National Guard and Reserves are fundamental to combating the threat of international terrorism;

Whereas the National Guard and Reserves have a critical role in providing for homeland security;

Whereas the National Guard and Reserves have played a critical role in Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom, including ongoing security and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq;

Whereas over 340,000 National Guard and Reserve members have been called to active duty at one time or another since September 11, 2001, with over 160,000 serving on active duty as of October 1, 2003;

Whereas the current mobilization represents the largest call-up of National Guard and Reserve members since the Korean War;

Whereas continuing security challenges abroad are requiring many National Guard and Reserve units to remain on active duty beyond the original one-year limit set by the Department of Defense; and

Whereas responding to the needs of their country has required significant sacrifices on the part of the members

of the National Guard and Reserves, as well as their families and their employers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) honors the members of the National Guard
 4 and Reserves for their dedication and sacrifice during
 5 the current critical time in the Nation's history;

6 (2) honors the sacrifices being made by the
 7 families of National Guard and Reserve members
 8 called to active duty;

9 (3) appreciates the commitment and support of
 10 employers of activated National Guard and Reserve
 11 members; and

12 (4) pledges its continued support for the members
 13 of the National Guard and Reserves.

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